

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Elaine Rodriguez
Michael L. Montoya
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: William Taylor, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Adrian Crespin, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo recognized and thanked Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for being in Las Vegas, and also thanked and recognized all veterans and asked for a moment of silence for all who served.

Councilor Montoya wished his son a Happy Birthday.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Trujillo suggested amending the agenda to move executive session after business item 1.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Request approval of resolution 21-25, a resolution to participate in the cooperative funding of the Gene Torres Golf Course.

Mayor Trujillo gave a brief discussion regarding working with New Mexico Highlands University and San Miguel County to see if they could reopen the golf course with each entity contributing \$70,000.

Councilor Rodriguez voiced concerns regarding the golf course being in the red for decades and why the turn around to reopen it.

Mayor Trujillo advised it would be under different management and they don't expect to make a profit but possibly look at other profitable ideas.

Councilor Rodriguez advised the \$70,000 could be used elsewhere towards the City like the Recreation Center or parks. Councilor Rodriguez asked about the restaurant being reopened.

Mayor Trujillo advised the priority is to get the golf course open and then later look at opening the amenities.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., asked where the money would be coming from.

City Manager Taylor advised it would come out of the reserves.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., asked if they could try it out for one year and see how it goes.

City Attorney Scott Aaron advised the resolution states for one year, stating the governing body commits to paying \$70,000 in 2021.

Councilor Montoya advised it was his understanding the commitment was for two years and a report would be provided on how it's going.

Councilor Montoya advised he had concerns regarding the golf course being in the red but they are looking at developing houses at a later time, but meanwhile the golf course would provide the community with something to do.

Councilor Rodriguez advised she liked the idea of opening up the golf course to the public but asked if they would be willing to lower the cost.

Mayor Trujillo agreed with the cost being affordable.

Councilor Romero suggested having an MOU that specifies having decision making authority and making it affordable.

Mayor Trujillo suggested having a quarterly meeting instead of biannually.

Councilor Romero asked for clarification regarding if things aren't working out with the golf course in a year they can get out of the \$70,000 commitment.

City Attorney Aaron advised yes, the resolution states only committing \$70,000 for 2021.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve resolution 21-25 to participate in the cooperative funding of the Gene Torres Golf Course. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution 21-25 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Resolution No. 21-25

A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COOPERATIVE FUNDING OF THE GENE TORRES GOLF COURSE.

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") has been asked by New Mexico Highlands University ("NMHU") to participate in the cooperative funding of the Gene Torres Golf Course ("Course"); and

WHEREAS, the City, NMHU and the County of San Miguel ("County") will constitute the principals, with each principal contributing \$70,000.00 each year for 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, NMHU represented it will assemble a task force to identify options for the development and use of the vacant property in and around the Course for the purpose of providing "sustainable funding" for the Course;

WHEREAS, NMHU anticipates the development and use of said vacant property as a mix of residential housing, commercial buildings, University buildings, which is projected to increase the revenues received by the City for property tax and gross receipts tax; and

WHEREAS, the City's visitors and residents will benefit from the reopening of the Course.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference, and on the condition that the City is given equal representation with the other principals on any entity governing or overseeing the Course, and the County and the NMHU Board of Regents each vote affirmatively to bind themselves to contribute \$70,000.00 for the years 2021 and 2022, then the Governing Body thereby commits to providing \$70,000.00 in 2021 for the reopening, operation and development of the Gene Torres Golf Course.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2021.

Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Elaine Rodriquez	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Montoya made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Rodriquez seconded

the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Rodriguez made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	Elaine Rodriguez	Yes
David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Request approval to accept City Manager, William Taylor's resignation, effective June 30, 2021 and consideration of discretionary compensation.

Councilor Montoya advised there was a typo in City Manager Taylor's letter of resignation regarding the effective date showing May 30, 2021 instead of June 30, 2021 and asked if City Manager Taylor hadn't changed his mind regarding his resignation.

Councilor Montoya thanked City Manager Taylor for his fourteen months with the City and advised he did an outstanding job, helped the business community, brought in a lot of projects, and stated that the position takes a lot of patience and guidance.

Mayor Trujillo advised City Manager Taylor was really great for the community and demonstrated his leadership and advised he made an excellent choice picking him as the City Manager.

Councilor Romero thanked City Manager Taylor for all he's done.

City Manager Taylor advised he was happy to serve the City of Las Vegas and will be leaving a happy person because regardless of differences or opinions we come together like family and friends and was appreciative of the opportunity he was given.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to accept City Manager William Taylor's resignation, effective June 30, 2021. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes

Councilor Montoya requested that Mayor Trujillo include his appointment for City Manager on the agenda for the next council meeting per City Charter.

ADJOURN

Councilor Rodriquez made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
Elaine Rodriquez	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk